GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:25
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DRINKING WATER IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have spent Rs. 32000 crore on the various rural water supply programmes so far;

(b) if so, whether more than 20,000 villages do not have even a drop of drinking water after spending huge amounts;

(c) if so, the number of villages covered, partially covered and have been declared as having no source of drinking water so far, State-wise;

(d) whether the Union Government`s proposal for providing drinking water to all the villages by 2004 is not possible at this rate;

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to enhance the outlay in this regard;

(f) the reasons for delay in implementing this scheme; and

(g) the steps being taken by the Union Government to implement the scheme for drinking water to all by 2004 and supply of drinking water in rural areas including border areas of the country state-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a) to (g) : A statement is laid on the table of the house.

Statement referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 25 for reply on 16.07.2002

(a) to (g) So far, more than Rs. 36000 crore have been spent since independence by both Central and State Governments for drinking water in rural areas.

Rural Water Supply being the State subject, the schemes for providing drinking watersupply in rural areas are planned, sanctioned and implemented by the State Governments. TheCentral Government supplements the efforts of the States by providing funds under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The powers to plan, sanction andmplement Rural Water Supply schemes under the above programmes rest with the State Governments.

As per information received from the State Governments till 10.7.2002, out of the1422664 rural habitations in the country1274149 have been fully covered (FC) and 132183 have been partially covered (PC) with drinking water facilities. 16332 rural habitations still remain to be covered with drinking water facility (NC). As per the National Agenda of Governance all therural habitations in the country are to be covered with drinking water facilities by 2004. It is proposed to cover most of the remaining 16332 Not Covered (NC) habitations and about half ofthe remaining partially covered habitations during the current financial year. Targets for the current financial year are being fixed in consultation with State Governments. The State Governments have been requested to concentrate on coverage of all the Not Covered and Partially covered habitations on priority basis by 2004. State wise details of Fully Covered, Partially Covered and Not Covered habitations are annexed (Annex.I)

Annual Outlays for the Rural Water Supply Sector is finaslised by the Planning Commission as per the availability of resources on year to year basis. Generally, the ARWSP releases to States are increasing. During 1998-99 Government of India release to States under ARWSP was Rs. 1600.64 crores which has improved to Rs. 1714.41 crores in 1999-2000, to Rs.1896.55 crores in 2000-01 and last year (2001-02) stepped upto Rs. 1943.05 crores. In the current year (2002-03) budgetted provision has been Rs. 2235 crores. To accelerate the coverage of Not Covered and Partially Covered habitations by 2004, Government of India has recentlydecided to improve the weightage for NC and PC for inter state allocation criteria underARWSP. The weightage for Not Covered and Partially Covered habitations has recently been increased from 10% to 15% in the criteria for allocation of funds under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). This will provide adequate funds to the State Governments foproviding drinking water facilities in NC and PC habitations.

Annexure referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 25 for reply on 16.07.2002

Annex - I

State-wise details of Fully Covered, Partially Covered and Not Covered habitations

Sl. No.	State/UT	Status of Habitations NC	PC	FC	TOTAL
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	0	16023	53709	69732
2	ARUNACHAL PRA	327	894	3077	4298
3	ASSAM	650	19719	50300	70669
4	BIHAR	0	0	105340	105340
5	CHHATTISGARH	0	0	50379	50379
6	GOA	8	45	343	396
7	GUJARAT	96	1683	28490	30269
8	HARYANA	0	48	6697	6745
9	HIMACHAL PRA	1053	10173	34141	45367
10	JAMMU & KASHMIR	2074	3688	5422	11184
11	JHARKHAND	497	119	99480	100096
12	KARNATAKA	3	20492	36187	56682
13	KERALA	783	6871	2109	9763
14	M.P.	0	0	109489	109489
15	MAHARASHTRA	2036	24405	59489	85930
16	MANIPUR	30	282	2479	2791
17	MEGHALAYA	346	808	7485	8639
18	MIZORAM	0	461	450	911
19	NAGALAND	349	569	607	1525
20	ORISSA	0	18	114081	114099
21	PUNJAB	1503	2197	9749	13449
22	RAJASTHAN	6093	8357	79496	93946
23	SIKKIM	0	372	1307	1679
24	TAMILNADU	0	0	66631	66631
25	TRIPURA	287	451	6674	7412
26	UTTAR PRADESH+	0	0	243633	243633
27	UTTARANCHAL	119	913	29976	31008
28	WEST BENGAL	0	13147	65889	79036
29	A & N ISLANDS	0	121	383	504
30	D & N HAVELI	38	242	236	516
31	DAMAN & DIU	0	0	32	32
32	DELHI	0	0	219	219
33	LAKSHADWEEP	0	10	0	10
34	PONDICHERRY	40	75	152	267
35	CHANDIGARH	0	0	18	18
	TOTAL	16332	132183	1274149	1422664

NC : Not Covered
PC : Partially Covered
FC : Fully Covered

+ In case of Uttar PradeshFC habitations include 125 habitations merged in urbanareas (As per information received from U.P. Govt. vide letter no 392/20 point programme/rural-1 dated 9-4-2002)